



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HELD IN ROOM 372
OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
Monday, April 11, 2011
10:00 AM**

ROLL CALL

Present: President Becerra-Jones, Vice President Tanberg, Treasurer Gravely, Commissioner Creary, Commissioner Duba, Commissioner Gallegos, Commissioner Lesser, Commissioner McCarthy Napoleon and Commissioner Rodriguez

Absent: Commissioner Pinedo

Excused: Commissioner Shevlin and Commissioner Ward

1. The meeting was called to order by President Becerra-Jones at 10:02 a.m.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

2. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of February 14, 2011. (11-1573)

Commissioner Lesser requested clarification on the Women of the Year Committee update report. It showed Commissioner McCarthy Napoleon as absent in previous items but then present during the Women of the Year Committee report with staff member, Rhonda Rangel. After review of the audio, staff clarified that Commissioner McCarthy Napoleon did present the report, however was not present at the time a vote was called for item 1 of the Agenda.

Commissioner Gravely requested clarification on Item 3 of the Agenda. She recalled that she initiated the original request for clarification. After review of the audio, staff confirmed that Commissioner Ward initiated the request and Commissioner Gravely requested additional clarification. Staff also verified when the Roll Call vote was confirmed by President Becerra-Jones, Commissioner Gravely abstained.

Commissioner Duba noted Items 12, 13 and 14 were continued without discussion to February 24, 2011. After review of the audio, there was a meeting proposed for February 24, 2011 as noted on the items. This meeting was only to address these items specifically. However, due to the lack of availability, the meeting was unable to be scheduled and therefore continued to April 11, 2011 for approval.

Commissioner Becerra-Jones requested verbiage be changed to show the following:

Item 8 - Delete "there was an equal number of men and women".

Item 10 - Delete "Train the Trainer atmosphere" and add, "with a separate Train the Trainer in June".

After discussion and on motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Duba (Commissioner Creary being absent), this item was approved with the aforementioned amendments.

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3. Recommendation to endorse Denim Day in LA and USA on April 27, 2011 as requested by Peace Over Violence at no cost to the Commission. (11-1677)

Commissioner Lesser and Duba stated this type of item and all endorsements should be included in next Fiscal Budget. After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Lesser, seconded by Commissioner Duba (Commissioner Creary being absent), this item was approved.

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II. SET MATTER

4. 11:00a.m.

A "Special Report on the Aging Population" presented by George Caballero, LCSW and Commissioner from the L.A. County Mental Health Commission. (11-1672)

Mr. Caballero presented the "Special Report on the Aging Population" and responded to question posed by the Commission.

After discussion, Commissioner Lesser agreed to work with Mr. Caballero on Women's issues and on healthy aging programs and assist him in collaborating with the Older Women's Commission. No action was taken by the Commission.

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III. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.** Recommendation to receive and file the revised report on Expendable Activity for the month of January 2011. (Continued from the meeting of February 14, 2011.) (11-0609)

Commissioner Gravely submitted the Expendable Activity for the month of January 2011 which included a revision addressed by Commissioner Duba on the District amounts. Commissioner Lesser clarified the ACCW expenditure was held June 26, 2011. She noted this should be included in the report as well. After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Tanberg (Commissioner Creary being absent), this item was received and filed as revised.

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- 6.** Recommendation to receive and file the report on Expendable Activity for the months of February 2011 and March 2011. (11-1674)

Commissioner Gravely reported on the Expendable Activity for the months of February and March 2011 and noted there was a revision on the total transferred from January to February. After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Lesser, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez (Commissioner Creary being absent), the report was received and filed as revised.

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- 7.** Discussion and approval of Ad Hoc Committee recommendation of Awards Trust Fund Budget Criteria and Spending Plan. (Continued from the meeting of February 14, 2011.) (11-0647)

Commissioner Lesser stated the Committee has done a wonderful job addressing all the issues on the Awards Trust Fund Budget Criteria and Spending Plan.

At the request of President Becerra-Jones, staff requested Commissioners to adhere to the Criteria and Policy requirements for Commissioners, in order to accomplish the Commission goals and recommendations.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Lesser, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez (Commissioner Creary being absent), this item was approved.

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- 8.** Discussion and approval to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors, notifying them of the Commission's deferral of the 2011 Run/Walk event to 2012. (11-0515)

Commissioner Duba provided background information on the Commission's decision to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors informing them of the deferral of the 2011 Run/Walk event. After discussion, the letter will include:

- 1. A financial support request of \$5000 from each district for the 2011 scholarships;**
- 2. Clearly state that the Commission has postponed the 2011 event but are still exploring all avenues to continue the event in the future;**
- 3. Include information on the scholarship participants; and**
- 4. Include information on the 2011 Women of the Year event and state that the Commission is still exploring and evaluating funding from the Women of the Year luncheon to be used for scholarships.**

Commissioner Duba will be the Chair of the ADHOC Committee responsible for exploring the future of the Run/Walk event. The Committee will have representation from each District and a final report will be submitted to the Commission at the December meeting. The report will include the recommendation to cancel or continue the 2012 Run/Walk event.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Tanberg, seconded by Commissioner Duba (Commissioner Creary being absent), this item was approved to include the suggestions by Commissioners in the letter and a report back by the ADHOC Committee as information is made available and a final report in December.

9. Approval of a donation of \$1,450 to the East Los Angeles Women's Center as noted in the 2011 Health Education Community Project of District 1 to further domestic violence and HIV Awareness through a media campaign and a support group. (11-1678)

On motion of Commissioner Duba, seconded by Commissioner Tanberg (Commissioner Creary being absent), this item was approved.

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10. Approval of a donation of \$750 to St. Margaret's Center / Catholic Charities of Los Angeles as noted in the 2011 Health Education Community Project of District 2 to further St. Margaret's Health Education Series focused on low-income persons in crisis and to help adults and families make healthy lifestyle changes. (Continued from the meeting of February 14, 2011.) (11-0729)

On motion of Commissioner Duba, seconded by Commissioner Lesser (Commissioner Creary being absent), this item was approved.

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11. Approval of a donation of \$750 for the 2011 Health Education Community Project of District 2 to host the Community Health Symposium on May 28, 2011 at the 1st AME Church to promote a healthy lifestyle for men, women, and children. (11-0876)

On motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Tanberg (Commissioner Creary being absent), this item was approved.

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12. Approval of a donation of \$750 to Jackie Robinson Park, Los Angeles County Department of Parks for the 2011 Health Education Community Project of District 5 to provide pedometers to the Park's low income Latina exercise program participants, to increase the number of participants and to educate, motivate, and empower participants to lead healthy life lifestyles. (11-1686)

Commissioner Rodriguez requested a follow-up report on the use of the pedometers. Commissioner Duba will provide staff member, Rhonda Rangel with information to expedite payment for pedometers.

President Becerra-Jones reminded all Commissioners of the report that must be submitted after all funding has been provided and projects completed.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Tanberg, seconded by

Commissioner Lesser (Commissioner Creary being absent), this item was approved.

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13. Approval of the Event Funding request of \$500 to the Los Angeles County Perinatal Mental Health Task Force for their Perinatal Depression Training at Esperanza Community Housing on May 9, 2011 as submitted by District 1. (11-1694)

On motion of Commissioner Duba, seconded by Commissioner Lesser (Commissioner Creary being absent), this item was approved.

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14. Approval of the Event Funding Request of \$250 for the purchase of one ticket to the Silver Rose Awards Gala and Reception hosted by the Jenesse Center on April 17, 2011 as submitted by District 2. (11-1695)

Commissioner Lesser suggested, if all possible, Commissioners look at providing a presence on behalf of the Commission when attending these large events. This can be anywhere from flyers at the tables, etc...

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Lesser, seconded by Commissioner Duba (Commissioner Creary being absent), this item was approved.

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Commissioner Creary arrived at 10:50 a.m.

15. Approval of a donation of \$500 to the Los Angeles Perinatal Mental Health Task Force to promote community awareness on perinatal depression at the Community Awareness Forum on April 20, 2011 at Harbor UCLA Hospital to be paid from the President's Fund. (11-1685)

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission.

Commissioners Tanberg and Lesser provided a brief update on the 4th District action plan. The projects are set for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Creary, this item was approved.

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IV. REPORTS

16. Presidents report for the months of February and March 2011. (11-1675)

President Becerra-Jones presented her reported and highlighted the following:

- 1. The "Fair Pay Day" to be held April 13, 2011 with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)**
- 2. A follow-up from the Junior League on their event to be held April 26, 2011, requesting participation from the Commission to assist and share experiences and how Commissioners are appointed. She noted Commissioner Creary has graciously volunteered to speak on behalf of the Commission.**
- 3. The 3rd annual breakfast meeting for nursing students Co-sponsored by the Los Angeles County College of Nursing and Allied Health open to all nursing students. The meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2011. Commissioner Becerra-Jones is working closely with Dr. Genevieve Clavreul and Maria Caballerro, Dean of Nursing to finalize the agenda and event material for the breakfast.**

She presented an orchid plant to staff for their hard work and dedication to the Commission and the Women of the Year event.

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17. Final report from the Women of the Year Luncheon Committee. (11-1673)

Commissioner McCarthy Napoleon thanked everyone involved with the luncheon. The total profit from the luncheon was \$34,834.66. There were approximately 590 attendees at the luncheon. The event was well received. She also received wonderful comments on the renditions given by the Marlborough Choir. Some of her recommendations for next years' event included the following:

- 1. Keep speeches from awardees to a minimum;**
- 2. Move pictures of awardees to the side of the stage to keep the flow of the event moving;**

3. **No Silent Auction unless there is a special committee dedicated to the silent auction;**
4. **Include Scholarship recipients at the next event, as the speeches from the scholarship recipients were wonderful and really moved the audience;**
5. **Include in the invitation and registration, the length of the luncheon from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. so attendees can block those times to stay at the event.**

In closing, she recommended the next Event Committee look at improving the menu. Rhonda Rangel, staff, stated accommodations can be made on the menu; however this might affect pricing. A taste test can be provided by the hotel if requested. Commissioner Gravely stated the hotel is there to accommodate the Commission since we are providing the numbers for the hotel.

Rhonda Rangel, staff, stated several donations from attendees have been received. Invoices have been sent out to those with balances, several of which have already notified the office of when payment will be made. Therefore, the balance showing due to the Commission's supporting document has since changed. Also, thank you letters and pictures have all been mailed to the necessary sponsors, attendees, donors.

President Becerra-Jones presented Commissioner McCarthy Napoleon with an orchid plant for her hard work in working with staff and organizing the event. She gave a special thank you to all the Commissioners for their various contributions to this event.

After discussion, Commissioner McCarthy Napoleon's report was received and filed.

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18. **Report by Domestic Violence Committee and Health Committee on 2011 Action Plans. (Continued from the meeting of February 14, 2011.) (11-0364)**

Commissioners Gallegos and Rodriguez presented a verbal report on the Domestic Violence Committee Action plan. Commissioner Creary presented a verbal report on the Health Committee Action plan. After discussion, President Becerra-Jones requested the Committees submit a written action plan to keep track of their development.

19. Report by Executive Committee on website information collected from the Information Resource Management section of the Executive Office as requested by President Becerra-Jones at the meeting of February 14, 2011. (11-0873)

On motion of President Becerra-Jones, and by Common Consent, this item was continued to the meeting of May 9, 2011.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

20. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda.
- 20A. Recommendation as submitted by Commissioner Lesser for the meeting of May 9, 2011: Approval to reimburse Commissioner McCarthy Napoleon on cost of lunch and parking for Marlborough Chamber Choir to be paid from the President's Fund. (11-1572)
- 20B. Recommendation as submitted by Commissioner Lesser for approval at a future meeting to interested Commissioners to attend the NACW conference to be held July 20 thru July 23, 2011 in Phoenix and the ACCW election and educational meeting to be held June 25, 2011 tentatively set in Cambria. (11-1869)
- 20C. Recommendation as submitted by President Becerra-Jones for the meeting of May 9, 2011: Appoint a Legislative ADHOC Committee to collaborate with Office of Women's Health and Public Health to support Women's issues and Domestic Violence issues. (11-1871)
- 20D. Recommendation as submitted by Commissioner Tanberg for the meeting of May 9, 2011: Discussion on District vacancies. (11-1872)

Public Comment

21. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (11-1408)

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission.

Adjournment

22. Adjournment for the meeting of April 11, 2011. (11-0993)

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.